

Wycombe W. lose both points at Bromley

Sports Mail Special Report

BROMLEY 4 : WYCOMBE WANDS 0

WITH Paul Bates standing by at Loakes Park as 12th man for England, and with Cliff Trott unfit, Wycombe Wanderers gave a debut chance to 18-year-old outside left Steve Hyde at Bromley this afternoon, in the Isthmian League.

Bromley: Price; Wallis, Norman; Dunmall, Basham, Nelson; Hall, Moore, Studley, Nottage, Keats.

Wycombe Wanderers: Jones; Beck, Timberlake; Thomas, Fisher, Weaver; Worley, Rockell, Bartholomew, Tomlin, Hyde.

Referee: F Goddard.

Hyde nearly scored with his first ever shot in senior football. As a pass came across from Tomlin he let fly first time and Price just parried the ball.

As Wycombe continued to press, Bartholomew headed narrowly over the bar.

PENALTY GOAL

A third-minute penalty goal shocked Wanderers. Studley was tripped by Timberlake, as he streaked through and BASHAM easily beat Jones with a spot kick.

The makeshift Wycombe attack impressed with some cool and forceful football. Tomlin quickly took over the schemer's roll, and Hyde moved the ball about very well.

He inspired one move which ended in Bartholomew missing an open goal as Tomlin stabbed the ball across the goalmouth.

Bustling Bromley looked very dangerous. Several fierce tries flew wide of goal, and Jones was helpless as Dunmore moved up to blaze over the bar.

Another shrewd Tomlin pass sent Bartholomew clear. But once again the centre forward was too slow.

STRONG DEFENCE

The Wanderers' defence was having plenty to do against a fast attack, but they grew in confidence, with Fisher, Beck and Thomas all clearing well.

The splendid distribution of Thomas was again a feature of the Wanderers' play.

Bromley—the more powerful side—continued to have more of the play, and but for lack of accuracy in shooting would have gone further ahead.

Half-time: Bromley 1. Wycombe 0.

HEAVY PRESSURE

Bromley began with a rush in the second half. The Wanderers' defence was under considerable pressure and creaked badly as Jones made a head long dive to save from Studley and as Nottage hit the bar.

A high header by NOTTAGE beat Jones for a second Bromley goal in the 52nd minute.

Desperate for goals, Wycombe tried full back John Beck at centre forward with Bartholomew dropping back and Hyde and Tomlin switching positions.

A very confident Bromley seemed to have the game well in hand, and Jones was continually in action.

All the Wanderers' forwards were playing out of their scheduled positions when Worley moved inside right.

Two goals in two minutes, by NOTTAGE, from a header, and STUDLEY, after a goal-mouth scramble, shattered Wycombe's chances a quarter of an hour from time.

RESULT:

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